

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-27 were pending. Claims 16-21 and 25-27 are hereby canceled. Therefore, upon entry of this amendment, which is respectfully requested, claims 1-15 and 22-24 will be pending.

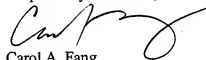
Applicants hereby elect Group I claims, specifically claims 1-15 and 22-24 drawn to antibodies that bind factor IXa and increase the procoagulant activity of factor IXa and pharmaceutical compositions comprising said antibodies for prosecution on the merits. Claims 1-15 and 22-24 read on the elected invention. Applicant reserves the right to file divisional applications to pursue prosecution of the canceled Group II and III claims.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 925-472-5000.

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